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FOR AMBASSADOR YOUNG FROM AMBASSADOR GARDNER

DEPT FOR LEGAL ADVISER HERBERT HANSELL; DEPUTY LEGAL  
ADVISER STEPHEN SCHWEBEL

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PORT, ICJ, IT  
SUBJECT: ITALY'S CANDIDATE FOR INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE

1. PROFESSOR ROBERT AGO HAS ASKED ME TO SEEK  
STRONG U.S. SUPPORT FOR HIS CANDIDACY FOR THE INTER-  
NATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE. AGO SAID THAT MOST  
EUROPEAN COUNTRIES EXPRESSED SUPPORT BUT FINLAND  
NEVERTHELESS IS PERSISTING WITH ITS LESS QUALIFIED  
CANDIDATE, MANNER. HE FEARS THIS WILL DIVIDE EUROPEAN  
VOTES AND PROBABLY RESULT IN A LOSS OF EUROPEAN SEAT TO  
LDC'S, AN OUTCOME ALL OF US WOULD WISH TO AVOID.

2. I HAVE KNOWN AGO FOR 15 YEARS AND HAVE HIGH RESPECT  
FOR HIS QUALIFICATIONS. UNLESS THERE ARE CONSIDERATIONS  
OF WHICH I AM NOT AWARE, I WOULD HOPE WE WOULD DO  
EVERYTHING TO ENCOURAGE A UNITED WESTERN SUPPORT  
FOR HIS CANDIDACY.GARDNER

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